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Dochas Centre leads way on unpaid carer support

by Colin Cameron
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Lochgilhead's Dochas Centre is leading the way to better support in the post-pandemic world.

University of Glasgow research found that people looking after others had poorer mental health than the general population before lockdown and that this worsened as lockdown continued. The first lockdown led to an increasing reliance on unpaid carers as many non-Covid health and social care services were withdrawn.

The study found that declines in mental health were particularly marked among home-carers with a greater care burden or who had formal help prior to lockdown, but then lost it.

Dochas Carers Centre is one of five centres in Argyll and Bute, supporting unpaid carers across Mid Argyll, Kintyre, Gigha, Islay and Jura.

'The main burden for unpaid carers during lockdown was watching the people they care for suffer too, which had a knock-on effect on the physical and mental well-being of the unpaid carer,' explained Dochas Centre manager Peter Minshall.

Restrictions meant that face-to-face contact with carers was impossible, but Dochas staff kept in touch through phone calls, Zoom meetings and even chatted at a distance over the garden gate; all highly valued during such a difficult time.

But Dochas also used the time to look at the future of caring support. It contributed three papers to the Independent Review of Adult Social Care, all of which were included in the 55 recommendations of the report and supported by the Scottish cabinet minister for health and sport.

Dochas brought together the five carer centres across Argyll to form a joint working partnership of which

Catherine Paterson, co-founder of Dochas, was appointed inaugural chairman. The partnership is already an effective voice for good as it brings direct evidence of trends and pressures for unpaid carers across the region.

The easing of restrictions will bring relief for the mental well-being of many – but not all.

With this in mind, Dochas has secured investment to allow expansion of its free, professional counselling service.

Peter continued: 'Arising from the pandemic, and as a direct consequence of the report, there has been a recognition by government to invest in unpaid carers and it will make sense that carer centres are fully funded with Carers Act funding so they can continue supporting unpaid carers.'

Catherine said: 'I am so very proud of all the Dochas staff who have gone the extra mile to let people know they are not alone, bringing hope by supporting unpaid carers.'



Some of those taking part in the event, from left, Piper John Hunt, Councillor Donnie MacMillan, Reverend David Eynon, Armed Forces Day chairman Geordie Rhodick, Betty Rhodick and bugler Brian Robertson. 51_a25ArmedForcesDay17

Less pomp - but plenty poignancy at ceremony

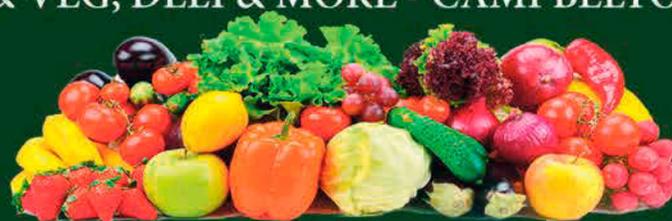
A slimmed-down Lochgilhead Armed Forces Day ceremony was held on Saturday June 12. The tribute to the country's military personnel past and present coincided

with the 81st anniversary of the battle of St Valery and the centenary of Lochgilhead's war memorial being dedicated. More on pages four and five.

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Boost for Argyll road and sea timber transport



Projects to improve Scotland's timber transport infrastructure have been awarded £7 million from the Scottish Government - including £2 million for Argyll.

Work to upgrade fragile rural roads, the creation of new forest haulage routes, passing places for communities and the promotion of moving timber by sea

Timber cargo being loaded at Ardcastle pontoon on Loch Fyne. Photograph: Creel Consulting Ltd.

are all sharing in the cash boost.

The timber transport investment will help the sector to grow and recover from the pandemic and is seen as a confidence boost during a very difficult period.

Project officer for the Argyll Timber Transport Group Iain Catterwell said: 'I am pleased to say Argyll-based projects will receive £2.165 million - around 30 per cent of the Scotland-wide fund this year. Support for sea freight - TimberLINK - will receive £0.9 million and £1.27 million will go towards road improve-

ments throughout Argyll and Bute. This reflects the fragile nature of the rural road network in Argyll and Bute and the importance placed by the Scottish Government on supporting the timber industry, which is absolutely fundamental to the climate change mitigation agenda.'

TimberLINK moves around 100,000 tonnes of timber by sea from Argyll to Ayrshire, reducing 'timber miles' and the number of lorries using the A83 over the Rest and be Thankful.

Four-night old road A83 detour

Resurfacing is planned on the A83 at the Rest and be Thankful, starting this weekend.

Four nights of surfacing work is planned for two sections of the trunk road, totalling more than 300 metres in length.

The work will take place each night between 7pm and 7am, starting on Sunday June 20.

Traffic will be diverted on to the old military road overnight under convoy from Sunday June 20 for safety reasons during the resurfacing project, with the A83 re-opening during the day.

Trunk road operator BEAR Scotland also said that its teams are 'making good progress with an ongoing programme of mitigation work on the hillside at the Rest, including construction of a new catch-pit'.

One lane of the A83 will remain closed for most of 2021 until mitigation work is complete as traffic lights are used to manage road users through the area safely.

'Follow guidelines' appeal as Covid rises

NHS Highland has reported a significant increase in cases of Covid-19 in Argyll and Bute.

The first two weeks of June saw more than double the number of cases in Argyll and Bute compared to the whole of May.

The increase has been particularly marked in Oban and Helensburgh and there is a small cluster on Islay.

The health board stressed that while restrictions have been easing, Covid-19 has not gone away and it is vital everyone across Highland and Argyll and Bute remains cautious and follows the guidance on how to stay safe and limit the spread of the virus.

NHS Highland director of public health Dr Tim Allison said: 'This has been such a challenging time for our communities but, thanks to everyone and how well they have followed the guidance, we are starting to see more freedom with the move to level

one, or level zero for our island communities.

'Covid, however, has not gone away and the rapid increase in Argyll and Bute is concerning. In addition to the impacts on those directly affected by Covid-19, we are seeing wider impacts with businesses and schools affected.'

Dr Allison is encouraging everyone to follow the guidelines to minimise any further spread.

With the rise in cases, an increase in the Delta variant - which spreads much more easily - has been seen.

NHS Highland advises the public to know what symptoms to look out for and, if anyone does experience symptoms, self-isolate immediately and seek a PCR test.

In addition to the typical symptoms, people with Covid-19 can present with a wide range of symptoms including headache, sore muscles and joints, tiredness, sore



Dr Tim Allison

throat, cold-like symptoms, diarrhoea and vomiting.

Anyone that becomes unwell should self-isolate immediately and seek a PCR test.

It is very important that we all continue to follow FACTS:

- wear a face covering
- avoid crowded places
- clean your hands regularly
- maintain two metres distance
- self-isolate and book a

test if you have symptoms. Dr Allison continued: 'Travel across Scotland and elsewhere in the UK is also something we can now enjoy again but I would appeal for caution from anyone who is travelling, particularly if they are going to an area that has a higher number of cases as this risks bringing infection back to our communities. Is the travel absolutely necessary?'

'If you do visit areas that have a high rate of infection try to limit your contact with others on your return to limit any potential spread.'

'We have been really encouraged by the engagement from our communities with the measures to date and the community of Fort William recently successfully contained the outbreak there.'

'If we all work together and continue to adhere to the guidelines and take a very cautious approach in our daily lives we can fight the virus.'

Abusive behaviour

At 12.15am on Sunday June 13 in Meadows Place, Lochgilphead, a man was arrested for behaving in an abusive manner. He was issued with a recorded police warning.

Police warning

In Whitegates Court, Lochgilphead, around 8.30pm on Sunday June 6, a woman was reported to police for behaving in an abusive manner. A 62-year-old woman was traced by officers and a recorded police warning has been issued.

Vandalism

Between 9am on Monday May 31 and 9am on Monday June 7 at Achhabreac cup and ring rock outcrop, turf was removed exposing more of the rock face which was marked using some form of tool.

Police are investigating and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Dangerous driving

Police are investigating after a number of vehicles were allegedly driven dangerously at 1.50pm on Tuesday June 8 on the A816 and at Riverside Filling Station, Lochgilphead.

Officers ask any witnesses or anyone with information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Dog bite

About 5pm on Friday June 11 in Achnamara, a person was allegedly bitten by an unaccompanied dog.

The owner of the dog has been traced and a male charged with permitting a dog to be dangerous in a public space. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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Inverneil power supply upgraded

A major upgrade to the electricity network in Inverneil area has been completed by SSEN Distribution.

This included the replacement of around 6km of underground cables as the existing cables had been in place since the middle of last century and were reaching the end of their working life.

With the majority of new cable installed under the A83, SSEN carried out the project over four 'out-of-season' stages, working outwith the summer when traffic volumes increase.

The £1.4m project also saw SSEN teams working on the overhead network, replacing and removing wooden poles as well as upgrading the substation and switching station at Inverneil.

Engineers now have more options to re-route customers' supplies in the event of a fault, minimising the length of time they are without power.

Allan McKechnie, SSEN Distribution project manager, said it was important for customers to know that they had a reliable supply of electricity.

Rose Marie leads Argyll birthday honours list

A Mid Argyll woman is one of three Argyll and Bute residents recognised in the Queen's birthday honours list.

Professor Rose Marie Parr has been awarded an Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to pharmacy and pharmaceutical education.

Professor Parr, who lives in Cairnbaan, became chief pharmaceutical officer (CPO) for Scotland in 2015 following periods of service in the NHS and in various Scottish universities.

She was described by former Health Secretary Jeanne Freeman as 'an exemplary CPO who has provided consistent leadership and made a significant and valuable contribution'.

A delighted Professor Parr said: 'For me it is all about recognition of the pharmacy profession and the fantastic



Professor Rose Marie Parr is to receive an OBE.

patient services that both community and hospital pharmacy teams deliver to the people of the communities we serve.

Thank you

'A huge thank you to all of the pharmacies that have

fantastically delivered over the pandemic and saved lives. It's pharmaceutical care and kindness in our community.'

Receiving MBEs (Member of the Order of the British Empire) are Mr James (Jimmy)

Duncan of Bute and Mrs Eleanor MacKay of Innellan. Mr Duncan, a well-known local businessman and musician, receives an MBE for services to the community on Bute during the Covid-19 pandemic.

His garage business maintained provision of essential repair services and fuel supplies to local volunteer groups, helping them to stay mobile and able to deliver essential food and medicine supplies to shielding, elderly and vulnerable people.

Mr Duncan is also known for his charity work and is a stalwart supporter of local causes including Bute Shinty Club and Bute Highland Games.

Eleanor Mackay is the information and local studies librarian for liveArgyll and has been awarded the MBE for services to local studies

and the community in Argyll and Bute. Her wealth of local knowledge has been invaluable in a number of projects including the four-year World War I centenary commemorations which culminated in an international remembrance service on Islay in 2018.

Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute Jane MacLeod said: 'I am absolutely delighted that Argyll and Bute can celebrate three awards in this year's Queen's birthday honours list.

'Each recipient can rightly be very proud of their achievements.

'The OBE and MBE are among the highest awards that people can receive in this way.

'All three have made tremendous contributions in their respective fields and my sincere congratulations go to Professor Parr, Mr Duncan and Mrs MacKay.'

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Forces day marked with qui

Anniversaries were the order of the day as Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day was marked in more muted fashion than in the past.

Gone was the pomp and ceremony of an event which

annually – other than in 2020 due to the pandemic – pays tribute to the dedication and sacrifice of the UK armed forces past and present.

With Covid restrictions still in place, it was a more intimate

and particularly poignant commemoration on Saturday June 12 as community leaders laid wreaths and Reverend David Eynon, queen's commissioned chaplain for the territorial and cadets, conducted

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the ceremony at Lochgilphead war memorial.

Saturday marked 100 years to the day since Lochgilphead's memorial to those lost in the Great War was formally dedicated – the granite cross by Glasgow-based Scott and Rae monumental sculptors having been erected the previous month.

The town's Armed Forces Day event also fell on the date chosen to mark the 81st anniversary of the Battle of St Valery at the beginning of the Second World War, in which

a large number of Argyll men were killed or taken prisoner.

Socially-distanced spectators gathered around newly-sparkling Colchester Square to join the two minutes' silence.

Bugler Brian Robertson immaculately played The Last Post and piper John Hunt of Tarbert performed The Hills of Argyll and Flowers o' the Forest.

Reverend Eynon spoke movingly of the sacrifices of so many men and women in the service of their nation and the debt of gratitude society owes them.

He added his best wishes to Her Majesty the Queen on her birthday.



Piper John Hunt plays The Hills of Argyll as wreaths are laid. 51_a25ArmedForcesDay16



Reverend David Eynon with his wife Janette.

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Chairman of Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day committee Geordie Rhodick said afterwards: "Thanks to everyone who came along today to lay a wreath and to Reverend David Eynon for the service. We also greatly appreciate piper John Hunt and bugler Brian Robertson coming along today.

'We would also like to thank BEAR Scotland and the police in Lochgilphead for their assistance with the event organisation.'

Longing for Argyll from war camps



The tune played by John Hunt was particularly appropriate on the anniversary of St Valery.

It was composed by gifted Campbeltown piper George McIntyre, who spent five years in German prisoner of war camps after being captured during the battle while serving with the 8th Argylls.

It was during this time in Germany that he composed – without pipes and using a broom handle as a chanter – the hauntingly brilliant 4/4 march Hills of Argyll.

He was a member of Campbeltown Pipe Band under Pipe Major Ronnie MacCallum and later in life spent time at Minard Castle as Lord Reginald Gayre's personal piper.

John Hunt plays at Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day 2021. 51_a25ArmedForcesDay07a



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The Argyll heroes of St Valéry



Above: Those laying wreaths gather on Colchester Square.
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The largely forgotten Second World War battle of St Valéry led to 10,000 mainly Scottish soldiers from the 51st Highland Division being captured as prisoners of war at the French fishing port of St Valéry-en-Caux.

Days after the mass evacuations at Dunkirk, the division remained on mainland Europe supporting their French allies in a rearguard action, but were surrounded by German troops and forced to surrender.

At 10am on June 12 2021, the 81st anniversary, pipers around the world played 'Heroes of St Valéry' in tribute to the valiant 51st Highland Division, remembering those who fell and were imprisoned. The piece was composed by Pipe Major Donald MacLean who was one of the 10,000 men captured that day and subsequently spent four years in a prisoner of war camp in Poland. Neil McLennan, chairman of the organising St Valéry committee, said: 'The events of June 12 1940

had a profound impact on every town and village in the Highlands, with most families having one or more male relatives enlisted. Continuing to educate and remember the battle ensures we, as a nation

Commonwealth Office. Heavily involved in the St Valéry rearguard action was the 8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, with young men from all over Argyll in its ranks. One

to training camps.' When the war began Donald, not long engaged to be married, and his friends were called up with the 8th Argylls. After basic training in Aldershot, they were sent with the 51st Highland Division to northern France with the British Expeditionary Force to help defend the Maginot Line.

Lance Corporal Donald McLellan was killed in action on June 5 1940 at the age of 24. With him was another Lochgilphead lad, Duncan Campbell, who was taken prisoner. Duncan survived the war and lived to old age. His son Duncan and daughter Jane still live in the Lochgilphead area.

Cathie continued: 'My grandmother and the family didn't find out until after the war what had happened to Donald, but we now know he is buried in a lovely graveyard in Dunkirk.'

'Donald is remembered with pride and is loved by his nieces, nephews and all the family.'



and wider military community, do right by those that fought that day.'

A socially-distanced commemorative service was held on Saturday at the St Valéry Memorial Stone in the French village, where Lieutenant Colonel CD Close and Colonel HJP Wilkinson laid remembrance wreaths on behalf of the British Army and the Foreign and

Argyll soldier was Donald McLellan from Lochgilphead.

Speaking on the 80th anniversary last year, his niece Cathie McLellan said: 'I was too young to remember him, but I know he worked as a male nurse at the Argyll and Bute Hospital before the war.'

'Like most of the young men in the area he and his pals had joined the territorial army and enjoyed going away

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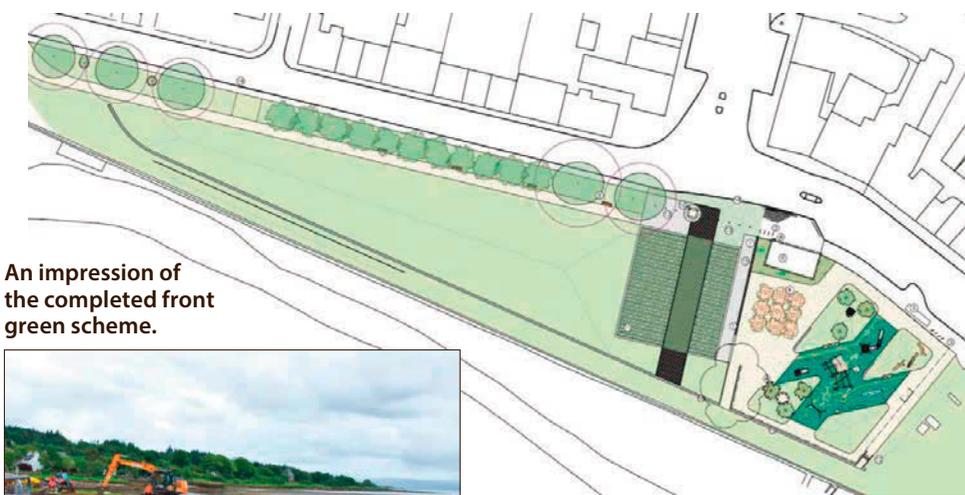


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Front green turns brown as improvements take shape



An impression of the completed front green scheme.



Diggers on site. 51_a25FrontGreen01

It is estimated the scheme will require:

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- 350 new plants and trees
- 10 play equipment pieces
- 350 square metres of safety play surfacing
- 600 metres of drainage channels and pipes

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With the vegetation stripped back, the fenced-off Lochgilphead front green has taken on an unfamiliar look.

It's all in a good cause though as contractor Hawthorn Heights Ltd continues the early stages of work on a £1.5 million improvement scheme since arriving on site on May 31.

Old play equipment and street furniture has been removed - some of which will return later in the project as part of the finished scheme.

One of the first big jobs will be to carry out drainage work on the site.

The project will incorporate a new playpark and public square with more seating and better cycling and walking routes.

It will also involve a raised ground surface level.

Due to the exposed coastal location much of the work has been planned for the summer months to allow land-raising

works to be completed before autumn and winter storms.

Due to the scale and nature of the work, the front green will be closed until January 2022.



The front green under reconstruction. 51_a25FrontGreen02

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For the want of a nail...

A view by health and well-being campaigner Barabel McKay, chairwoman of the volunteer Mid Argyll-based Health and Care Group.

Remember school and the lessons that shaped our lives?

An internationally respected nursery rhyme and proverb, dating back to the 14th century, doesn't seem to be popular today. And we lose by its omission.

'For the want of a nail...the kingdom was lost' describes a sequence of events, starting very small, which end up in catastrophe.

During the second world war, the poem hung in the troop supply department in London, so there was a reminder of the message every day. It was seen as that important.

In health, little things matter. If you neglect the muscle strain, the pain that becomes persistent, the tooth giving bother, the change in body function, the end result may be irreversible.

That doesn't mean a rush to the surgery with every little symptom, but it does mean paying attention and sorting small problems - physical and emotional - before they become too big to manage, before they sabotage everyday activities.

In a recent Science Matters column in this paper, Dorothy Crawford pointed out a con-



Barabel McKay.

nection between hearing loss and dementia.

The same is true of eyesight problems and diminished social contact because these things tend to cut you off from the world.

If there always seems to be something else more demanding of attention, remember that procrastination is the thief of time.

Putting off may risk what could be active, enjoyable life years.

If we don't pay attention to ourselves, who will? As you get older it becomes increasingly difficult because there are

barriers in the way of action. The 'what do you expect' mindset, the difference in provision between NHS, charities and private care, the costs involved and the sheer energy required to produce change.

The message of the last year has been that what we do matters, to ourselves and others.

You have to believe you are important enough to care.

The health and care group aims to represent the views of service users and their families. Email Barabel McKay at barabelmck@gmail.com for more information.



Dive into the world of books this summer with liveArgyll libraries and register with this liveArgyll QR code.

Book your summer fun

Dive into the world of books this summer with liveArgyll libraries as they encourage junior members to join in reading for fun.

The charity, which is responsible for leisure and library services across Argyll and Bute, is calling on four to 11-year-olds across the region to start turning the pages and get involved with its summer reading challenge.

Running from Wednesday June 23 until Friday September 3, participants will be challenged to read five books of their choosing from any of the liveAr-

gyll libraries, including BorrowBox, an online library with a fantastic selection of e-books and e-audiobooks.

They will then be asked to register these books to show they have completed the challenge and will receive a goodie bag and certificate in return.

It is easy and free to register if youngsters are not yet junior library members.

For more information and to register for the challenge visit the liveArgyll website, use the QR code on this page or pop into your local library.

A Diamond Waltz for Waverley

Folk musicians Callum Edwards and Ross Miller joined a host of Scottish talent to release a charity single - A Diamond Waltz for Waverley.

Released on Friday June 11, the single is raising money and awareness of the PS Waverley, the last seagoing paddle steamer in the world, to mark her 75th anniversary.

The much-loved Waverley is the sole survivor of a once-vast fleet of passenger steamships which plied the British coast.

Waverley is about to celebrate her diamond anniversary, with 2022 marking 75 years since her maiden voyage.

Ross Miller's pipes and Callum Edwards' drums are joined on A Diamond Waltz for Waverley by Charlie Stewart on fiddle, Rory Matheson on accordion, Craig Irving on guitar, Alistair Black on mandolin and David Edwards, Callum's dad, on accordion.

The combined pipes and drums of the ports of call of Waverley also feature on the track, comprised of young pipers and drummers from towns visited by the ship.



Callum Edwards and Ross Miller on the shores of the Clyde.

Jane Gillies, Neil Gillies Junior, Alister Booth and Sophie McLachlan from Rothesay and District Pipe Band, Amaidh Stoddart from Dunoon Grammar School Pipe Band and Alasdair Huxtable and Drew Crockett from Helensburgh Clan Colquhoun Pipe Band took part in the charity single.

Members of Isle of Arran Pipe Band and Isle of Arran Music School Pipe Band,

South Ayrshire Schools, Kintyre Schools, 1st Largs Boys' Brigade and Inveraray and District pipe bands also took part.

The impact of Covid-19 meant that funding dropped to meet the cost of vital maintenance to keep Waverley sailing.

A recent appeal raised more than £350,000, but more funds are required to keep Waverley sailing.

Both living in Glasgow, Callum and Ross met at the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland and have collaborated on various projects over the years.

Ross is a bagpipe tutor on Arran while Callum works closely with the Boys Brigade Pipe Band in Largs.

A Diamond Waltz for Waverley is out now and available to download on all the usual platforms.

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Lack of numbers shuts Cowl fire station

Fire chiefs hope to welcome more new recruits in September to boost the chances of a village fire station in Cowl becoming operational again, writes Colin Cameron.



Strachur is not currently in use because there are not enough firefighters to crew the appliance.

It means the closest fire station to the village is 19 miles away in Dunoon, a fact flagged up by a ward councillor at a community meeting.

At a virtual meeting of Argyll and Bute Council's community services committee on June 10, Councillor Alan Reid asked fire chiefs: 'I am sure you are aware that Strachur fire station is not operational at the moment, despite there being more than enough volunteers in the village to fulfil the requirements. What steps are being taken

to get it operational again, and when do you expect this to be achieved?'

Greg McKearney, station manager with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, said: 'Obviously it is something that is foremost in our minds and I quite understand the pressing concerns from people in Strachur.

'It is a pressing concern for us as well.

'The first thing I would say is that unfortunately we don't have sufficient crew to operate the appliance for Strachur. That is why the de-

cision was taken to suspend operations.

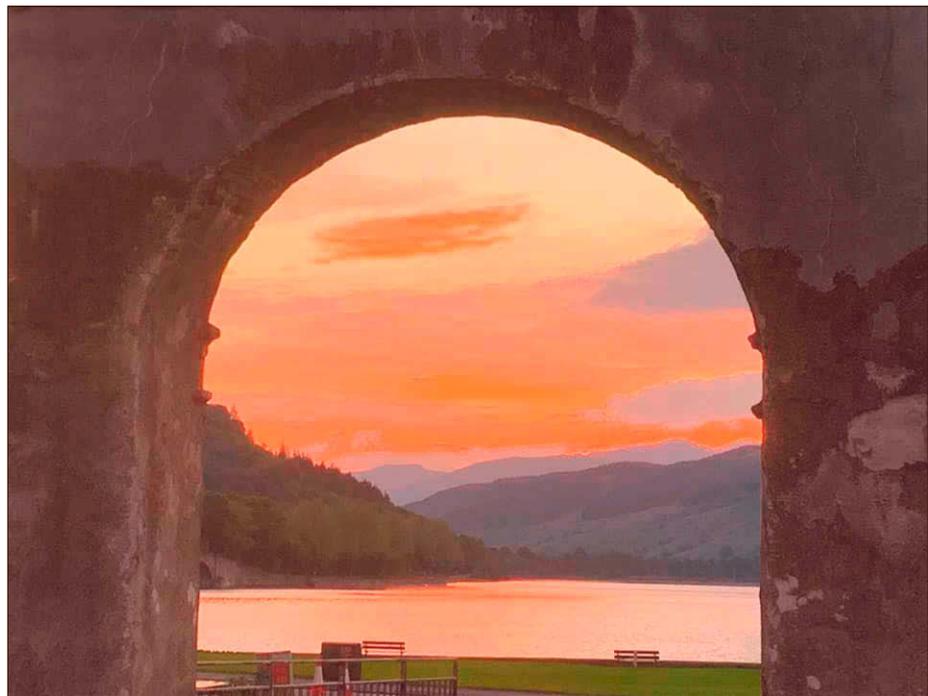
'Currently we have three members of crew within the unit, when it is required that there are four to ensure the safety of firefighters and communities.

'We are hopeful interested parties can be welcomed into the station towards the end of September.'

Secretary of Strachur Community Council Iain Wilkie said: 'The Strachur volunteers responded to a total of 34 shouts in 2019, so it's obvious Strachur fire station is needed. This is an opportunity for men and women aged 18 and over to serve their community. Part-time firefighters are paid and receive paid training.

'If you're interested in making an important contribution to the well-being of your area and beyond, contact Alistair MacKechnie.'

YOUR PICTURES



Donald John MacDonald captured this beautiful sunrise over Loch Shira, framed by the arch beside the Inveraray Inn at the end of the Avenue.



Both of these photographs were taken by Ardfern man Tom Cullen on June 10 from Dunskeig Hill, Clachan: Clachan Beach, with the outline of the old Dunskeig hill fort in the foreground and Islay-bound, the ferry in West Loch Tarbert.



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Now it's easy to cycle with Aisa on the case



Above: Aisa Nebreda is here to help as Rural Connections development officer for Argyll and Bute. Right: Sue Carter and Claire McCartan take a break at Cairnbaan while enjoying a bike ride along the Crinan Canal.



Cycling UK is launching a new project to get more people walking, wheeling and cycling in Argyll and Bute, writes Colin Cameron.

Scotland has seen a surge in cycling during the Covid pandemic, with cycling journeys up 47 per cent in the 12 months since March 2020.

In two areas, Dunoon and Lerwick, Cycling Scotland's counters recorded an increase of more than 100 per cent.

Car use remains high, however, with 78 per cent of people in rural and remote areas travelling to work or education by car compared with 65 per cent in the rest of Scotland.

The new Rural Connections project is designed to meet the unique needs of Argyll and Bute plus six other rural parts of Scotland.

Cycling UK staff will be based in these seven areas and will support people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to get active for everyday jour-

neys, leisure and adventure. The project will support walking, wheeling and cycling for all abilities including:

- offering short and long-term cycle loans to help people find a cycle that works for them

- supporting local organisations to co-ordinate and add walking, wheeling and cycling opportunities to their existing activities

- upskilling of volunteers to deliver activities in their communities and keep cycles working if there is no local bike shop

- building networks of organisations, communities and individuals supporting walking, wheeling and cycling initiatives.

As activity is known to boost mental and physical health, Rural Connections aims to enable more people to choose to get active instead of driving for short journeys, whether a trip to the shops, a visit to friends or to attend an appointment.

Explore

The project also aims to encourage people in rural and remote areas to walk, cycle or wheel to explore their surroundings: to enjoy a picnic, a family cycle ride or a pleasant walk without the use of a car.

The programme builds on Cycling UK's current community work, including the Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme which saw more than 30,000 bikes repaired during the pandemic.

Funded by Smarter Choices Smarter Places, development officers will use their expertise and knowledge to work closely with community organisa-

tions, businesses, public sector agencies and individuals.

Aisa Nebreda can't wait to get started as Rural Connections development officer for Argyll and Bute.

She said: 'I'm looking forward to working with lots of organisations to increase the take-up of walking, wheeling and cycling. I'm really keen to work with resource centres across Argyll and Bute to provide first-hand experience on all-ability cycles.'

'Cycling UK has worked very successfully with Fyne Homes recently and we would like to continue supporting that.'

Rural Connections senior project officer Fiona Johnston said: 'Cycling UK knows walking, cycling and wheeling improves people's health and well-being but the benefits are wider than that.'

'When more people choose to use their cars less, communities become more pleasant places and there can be an economic boost, so everyone in the community can benefit.'

'For those living in rural and remote areas, even if you want to travel in an active way, it can sometimes seem like there's no other option than the car.'

'Rural Connections aims to provide an alternative and the support many people need to make that change in behaviour.'

'Our staff will be people who live and work in the communities themselves, as they have the best knowledge of what will work in their area.'

For more information, contact aisa.nebreda@cyclingsuk.org.

Have a walk, raise money for dementia

Alzheimer Scotland needs Argyll people to take part in Scotland's Memory Walk this September.

Scotland's Memory Walk raises funds and vital awareness of dementia in Scotland and this year's event takes place on September 18 and 19.

A new fundraising platform has been launched to ensure people taking part can feel connected and share their experience as one big community.

The idea behind Scotland's Memory Walk is simple. People can choose where they want to walk and with whom.

That means participants can choose somewhere that has a special meaning for them at a time that suits them over the weekend.

And with so many great places to choose from nearby you can create special memories with friends and family that will last a lifetime.

The distance doesn't matter, whether it's 1km, 5km or 500km.

It might even be a lap of the garden.

It's free of charge for everyone who takes part, although everyone is encouraged to raise as much as they can.

Sarah Cheung of Alzheimer Scotland said: 'Every penny raised will go directly towards helping Alzheimer Scotland support people living with dementia and their loved ones, at a time when they need us more than ever.'

Visit memorywalk.alzscot.org to sign up to Scotland's Memory Walk.

Chilled raspberry-ripple lemon soufflés



1 Syn per serving | 1 hour | Serves 4

Ingredients

- 5 sheets leaf gelatine
- 200g raspberries, reserving 4 berries to decorate
- Zest and juice of 3 unwaxed lemons, plus thin lemon wedges to decorate
- 3 large egg yolks, 4 large egg whites*

Method:

- Tightly tie strips of non-stick baking paper around 4 individual, straight-sided soufflé dishes (about 9cm wide x 5cm deep, or 200ml), leaving a 4cm collar above the rims. Then soak the gelatine in cold water for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, purée the raspberries in a food processor and set aside.
- Put the lemon zest and juice, egg yolks and sweetener in a large, heatproof bowl. Boil a pan of water, then turn off the heat. Place the bowl over the water, making sure the base isn't touching the water. Using an electric hand whisk, beat the lemon mixture for 5 minutes, or until pale in colour and slightly thickened.
- Heat 3 tbsp water in a small pan, so it just covers the base. Squeeze the water from the gelatine. Put the leaves in the hot water, take the pan off the heat immediately and stir until dissolved. Then whisk into the lemon mixture (still over water); set the bowl aside to cool completely.

- 4 level tbsp sweetener
 - 500g fat-free, no-added-sugar vanilla yogurt
- *Pregnant women, the elderly, babies and toddlers are advised to choose eggs showing the British Lion stamp if eating raw or partially cooked eggs

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MSP 'politely but persuasively' making Argyll voices heard

Words and photograph
by Colin Cameron
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Jenni Minto reflects on her first month in parliament

Jenni Minto is getting used to a new level of celebrity status.

Already well known on her home island of Islay and beyond for her work with various groups, the SNP politician's fame has grown a little since being elected last month as MSP for Argyll and Bute.

She tells the story of a woman in Lochgilphead who approached her one day and offered congratulations – before puncturing her bubble slightly by adding: 'It is you, isn't it?'

Elgin-born, Ms Minto now lives in Port Charlotte. After working as a chartered accountant with KPMG, she worked for 18 years in a variety of roles at the BBC. She moved to Islay in 2011, became treasurer of Islay Energy Trust and served on the board of the Third Sector Interface Argyll and Bute. With her husband Les Wilson, she edited Islay Voices, an anthology of Islay.

While manager of the Museum of Islay Life, she chaired the group in 2018 which organised numerous events to commemorate WWI on Islay.

But how has her first month as an MSP gone?

'My first reaction is that I'm loving it,' she replied. 'I have minutes in a day where everything goes well, then there are others when I think 'oh help, what am I doing?' but I think it's the same for any new job.'

As an island resident she is well aware of many of the



Jenni Minto: 'My role is getting Argyll and Bute into the parliament on as regular a basis as I can.' 51_a25JenniMinto02

issues Argyll and Bute faces, including the A83 at the Rest and be Thankful.

She said: 'Transport Minister Graeme Dey visited the Rest recently, so he now understands a lot more about it and the amazing work the contractors have been doing to try and solve the problem.'

'But it is a massive problem and he recognises that. I know Transport Scotland is working closely with the council, which is positive.'

She added: 'I'm pleased I have a good relationship with Graeme and I'm hoping I can be the conduit for the views of the people of Argyll. I am quite

used to telling people – in a polite but persuasive manner – that our voices need to be heard and listened to.'

The Rest, ferries and broadband – all infrastructure issues – featured prominently in the brief Covid-restricted campaigning period before the election.

'One of the things I've been hearing from communities,' she said, 'is that the questions all come from a central belt perspective. It's this lack of understanding about how we live. We're resilient in Argyll; we have to be. There could be a problem at the Rest, or the ferries could be cancelled,

so we are always thinking ahead about our plans to go anywhere.'

She is hopeful of getting across the Argyll perspective to those in Holyrood holding the purse strings and is looking for a fresh approach.

'We saw this during Covid, where if you had a rateable value you got £10,000 grant, even if you were a charity.'

'That meant charities could think about moving forward rather than basic survival. That's the mentality we need for communities.'

One of the fundamental issues facing Argyll and Bute is depopulation, along with a

larger than average proportion of retired and elderly residents.

Added to this is a growing number of holiday homes. Schools are closing, shops struggle and communities suffer from a lack of young people in all kinds of ways.

Jenni Minto, though, sees opportunities.

She pointed to the Scottish Government's Green New Deal – aimed at creating a £3 billion package of investments to attract green finance to Scotland through the Scottish National Investment Bank – and the principle of 'just transition', which is intended to promote equality and mutual benefit as Scotland moves towards a resilient, net-zero economy.

'Green energy and wind farms can lead to good jobs. And hopefully we can get a boost from people deciding they don't want to live in cities, so people will actually move and work from here – but we have to get the infrastructure right for that.'

'My concern is that people come here with lots of money and can buy bigger houses, so the other key thing is building affordable homes for our young people.'

She continued: 'In our towns there are buildings which could be used for housing. Does the council need such large buildings when staff are increasingly working from home?'

'On Islay, for example, there's a building the community

wants to purchase with the intention of turning part of it into flats for young people for people who want to have a bit of independence. We need to think differently.'

'In Rothesay, part of the deal when new owners took over Bute Island Foods was that they would contribute community benefit so local people are now considering taking this opportunity to use a building almost as a Rothesay or Bute 'parliament' to come up with ideas.'

'The work Lochgilphead is doing also shows there is a group of people who can come up with ideas and work with contractors, so it's about building on that.'

At the time of our interview, the MSP had made two speeches in parliament and asked about support for unpaid carers at First Ministers' Questions.

Praising the team around her, she described her early parliamentary experience as 'like hitting the Corryvreckan – you never know where you're going to turn or where the currents will take you.'

She added: 'I see my role as getting Argyll and Bute into the parliament on as regular a basis as I can and finding topics of debate which people have spoken to me about and I feel confident in.'

'The key thing for me is to get to know as many people and listen to as many voices as possible around Argyll and Bute.'

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Science matters

DOROTHY H CRAWFORD



The value of nature

We have probably all learnt to be more appreciative of nature as a result of the confinements of lockdown.

But the question is: do we value it enough to pay for it?

As well as recreation and a feeling of well-being, the natural environment provides many other essentials – now called ecosystem services – such as climate regulation, food, waste disposal and water, oxygen and CO2 recycling – the list is endless and includes protection from pandemics like Covid-19, caused by loss of wildlife habitats allowing our closer contact with disease-carrying animals.

Nature's natural cycles have evolved over millions of years and were balanced and sustainable until now, in the anthropogenic era, we are wilfully destroying nature's regenerative powers.

This demolition of the world's life support systems

will soon become irreversible so something must be done quickly.

But how is it possible to put a value on natural processes?

Mark Carney, governor of the Bank of England for seven years from 2013, recently pinpointed the problem by citing the following example: 'We can price Amazon, the company; its current market value is almost \$1.7 trillion – but value is only ascribed to the Amazon, the region, when the ecosystem is destroyed for purposes of agriculture or harvesting timber.'*

In March this year, however, the United Nations agreed a system of environmental economic accounting for ecosystems by setting out principles that will enable public authorities to put a value on their environment.

And almost simultaneously an interim report of the Dasgupta Review on Economics and Diversity was



Economist Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta led a UK government review on the economic costs of biodiversity loss.

Photograph: Niccolò Caranti.



published in the UK.

This independent review, led by economist Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta, was commissioned by HM Treasury 'to assess the economic costs of biodiversity loss and identify actions which can protect and enhance both biodiversity and economic prosperity'.

In the interim report the panels accept that the human economy is embedded within – not external to – nature and states that it intends to 'revisit our measures of

What value do we place on preserving nature?

success, including looking beyond GDP to maximise our wealth and well-being and that of future generations'.

A real revision of capitalist principles.

* New Scientist, March 20 2012.

Making Music for Mull Fiddle Week Advertorial

A unique and FREE opportunity for budding young musicians



If you live in Argyll and Bute and play the violin or fiddle, take note of this musical opportunity coming your way in August on Mull.

Mull Music Makers is hosting a free week of learning for anyone aged five to 26 and booking for its workshops and sessions is open now.

Expert tutors including leading Scottish fiddle player and composer Patsy Reid and Adam Sutherland will be on hand during the week to energise everyone joining in the learning

experience which will include gaining new skills, composing melodies and building confidence for live performance.

'After a prolonged period of distance learning, Mull Fiddle Week aims to energise young people by immersing them in the spirit of traditional fiddle music using creative teaching methods such as Dalcroze, learning music through movement, engaging the whole body in the learning process,' says Laura Mandleberg, one of the organisers.

Once on Mull, all the sessions will be based in and around Tobermory - the dates are August 9 to August 13.

The venture, a first for Mull Music Makers (MMM), has 100 per cent funding from The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Any young people living in the Argyll and Bute area interested in signing up should get in touch by emailing laura_mandleberg@hotmail.com before the 30th June and organisers will do their best to make sure you can take part.

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or The Editor, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8NB**Hope for carers**

The people at the Dochas Centre have made good use of lockdown. They are leading the way in Argyll and helping ensure the voices of unpaid carers are heard in the corridors of power.

Youth policy

The Strachur fire station story must resonate across rural Argyll. The lack of volunteers is not helped by having very few young people. Nobody can blame those who wish to retire to Argyll or buy holiday homes, but the plain facts are that local people struggle to compete in the property market, schools are closing, shops and sports clubs are struggling and the balance of ages is out of kilter.

As touched on by Jenni Minto, we must think differently and with self-belief if rural Argyll is to thrive. We need decent jobs, genuinely affordable homes and plenty of young families.

Well done

Congratulations to Rose Marie and the other Argyll and Bute recipients of honours. It is lovely to see people being honoured who genuinely deserve recognition.

Eyes open on Rest tunnel promoted by Sir William

Sir,
Sir William Lithgow's comments regarding Transport Scotland and mountain tunnels in the June 11 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser are justified.

Vegvesenet, Norway's roads authority, recently produced a report on cost comparisons for major road projects in the Nordic countries.

On the subject of tunnels, Vegvesenet remarked – and remember it is now responsible for more than 200 mountain tunnels longer than 300m – that 'road tunnels in urban or densely populated areas carry such high volumes of traffic and have so many project-specific requirements that they are useless for comparisons with mountain road tunnels'.

Quite obviously Ms Reid, who replied for Transport Scotland, and the British Tunnel Society which she quotes and which apparently also are the Treasury's go-to people on tunnels, take their holidays elsewhere than Norway...or if they do, keep their eyes tightly shut.

I would add that Jacobs – the consultants to Transport Scotland – declared that a twin-bore tunnel would be required for the Rest.

The recent Laerdalstunnel on the main trunk road between Oslo and Bergen is, at 27km, the world's longest road tunnel and only single bore.

Arthur Blue, Ardrishaig.

Green option is the answer not tunnel option at the Rest

Sir,
I can understand Sir William Lithgow's perseverance in promoting the case for a tunnel solution for the Rest and be Thankful, having commissioned his own report.

The fact is Transport Scotland has included two options for a tunnel out of its five alternatives for a route through Glen Croe.

The possible route option that most closely matches Sir William's proposal is the purple option for a tunnel 1.2km long, joined by an embankment or a viaduct down the glen.

There is no doubt building a tunnel and a lengthy viaduct is a comparatively costly option that would take more time to construct than alternative solutions.

A tunnel needs ventilation and escape shafts as well as provision for breakdowns and abnormal and hazardous loads.

Hard rock can be subject to fracturing and a specialised geological investigation would be essential.

Excavation would produce thousands of tons of rock to be removed from the site.

The tunnel option would require the acquisition of private land with all the lengthy legal and statutory processes that would be involved.

It would also bypass the existing car park at the head of Glen Croe with its famous viewing point, a favourite with tourists and touring coaches.

The bus stop in the car park is an important public transport link for the Loch Goil area.

Lochgoil Community Council and Argyll and Bute Council have consistently supported what is called the green route option on the opposite side of Glen Croe from the present A83 trunk road.

Compared with the tunnel options, this route would be the least costly option and the quickest to construct over land that is owned and managed by Forestry and Land Scotland.

Its construction would not cause disruption to the traffic using either the main road or the old military road.

We should recognise that currently a great deal of preparatory work is being carried out by Transport Scotland and its civil engineering consultants.

The latest public consultation ended a few weeks ago and we can look forward to a progress report later this summer.

Alastair R Moodie, Lochgoilhead.

Plenty of gravity

Sir,
'Science Matters' by Dorothy Crawford is always interesting but the article in the May 21 edition of the Advertiser tells us the moon has 'little gravity' and 'zero gravity'.

In fact, the moon has plenty gravity, one-sixth

of Earth but more than enough to hold you down and stop you floating away.

I talked to several Americans who walked there in the 1970s and they said it was a very comfortable environment. They collected large rocks to take home for geologists and were amused to lift them with ease.

Then they played the lunar Olympics – hitting golf balls and throwing tools huge distances.

Ken MacTaggart, Inveraray.

Not alone with diabetes

Sir,
There are 4.9 million people living with diabetes in the UK and 13.6 million people at risk of developing type two diabetes.

It is a serious, relentless condition which, regardless of type, can bring with it many challenges.

Everyone experiences diabetes differently and this Diabetes Week, between June 14 and June 20, we'll be telling people's #DiabetesStories from all corners of the UK.

We'll be looking back on an extraordinary year and looking forward to what's to come. And, above all, we'll be celebrating the incredible diabetes community.

There are lots of ways readers can get involved during the week itself, from designing posters to organising community events.

There will also be plenty of activity on Diabetes UK's social media channels including a film telling the story of the last year for the diabetes community, by the community.

For more information about Diabetes Week and how to get involved visit the diabetes.org.uk website.

So let's come together this Diabetes Week and tell our #DiabetesStories to help raise awareness of what life with diabetes is really like and show other people living with the condition that they're not alone.

If you have any questions regarding your diabetes or need extra support call our helpline on 03451 232399 or email helpline@diabetes.org.uk.

Angela Mitchell,
National Director Scotland,
Diabetes UK.

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Thought for the Week

June 21 will be the longest day this year. For centuries people celebrated this as a festival in many different ways.

June is a month of colour in Argyll. The rhododendrons and azaleas are in full bloom and the roadsides are a joy to walk, cycle or drive by.

The longer days and reduction in restrictions mean many people are beginning to venture outside and here in Argyll there is plenty to see and do.

June is also the month of birdsong, with many pairs raising young ones.

Nature can be cruel at times and once again our swans at Tarbert lost all six of their cygnets.

Birth and death are part of nature's cycle. We rejoice at birth and life, but we struggle to lament at death and dying.

We need both for the cycle to be complete.

As new life grows all around us I wonder where you are seeing new life at the moment?

Are you taking time to enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of summer?

Are you savouring the warm sunny days?

Are you looking forward to holidays and time with family and friends?

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As Christians, we believe God made it all and saw that humanity was good.

God called humanity to be co-creators with God.

Today, creation is groaning in pain due to climate change and later this year the United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26, will meet to see what humanity needs to do to turn the tide.

I wonder what you are able to do to help creation flourish?

Reverend Lyn Peden, Church of Scotland, Skipness linked with Tarbert Loch Fyne and Kilberry.

TIGHNABRUAICH

Village residents make waves over flood concern

Residents worried about future flooding paddled down a Tighnabruaich road to raise awareness.

According to predicted sea level rise, Tighnabruaich's main road could be under water by 2050.

Concerned villagers gathered a fleet to make a video which will be used as part of a livestream event by Extinction Rebellion UK.

This was one of a number of events at coastal locations around the UK in advance of the G7 summit in Cornwall.

Co-ordinator David Blair, who rallied residents to join in the MakeTheWave campaign, said: 'We did this to highlight the real threat climate change brings wherever we live on the planet.'

'It was a fun way to raise awareness of sea level rise which will pose a serious challenge to coastal communities in the coming decades.'

HELENSBURGH

Safety fears as people flout Cardross level crossing rules

People are risking their lives at a railway level crossing in Cardross, according to Network Rail Scotland and British Transport Police.

Since July 2020 there have been six serious incidents of misuse reported at the crossing including motorists jumping the lights; vehicles striking the barriers and a pedestrian crossing while the barriers were coming down.

Dumbarton MSP Jackie Baillie said: 'It cannot be stressed enough how vital it is that these crossings are not misused, including the level crossing within my constituency at Cardross.'

'As lockdown eases and train services become more frequent again, it is paramount we all know what we can each do to keep ourselves and others safe.'

Liam Sumpter, Network Rail route director for Scotland, said: 'Misusing a level crossing can be incredibly dangerous. By paying attention to



Residents gathered a fleet of vessels on the shore road in Tighnabruaich to draw attention to projected sea level rise overtaking their main road by 2050. Photograph: John Skarp.

the warnings at crossings and avoiding distractions, we can all keep ourselves out of harm's way.' British Transport Police temporary chief superintendent Gill Murray said: 'Each year, hundreds of people take risks on and around the railway, resulting in tragic consequences and life-changing injuries.'

CAMPBELTOWN

Time trial cyclists hit the track at business park

Members of Kintyre Wheelers Cycling Club hit the track at Machrihanish Airport Community Company Business Park after a 15-month break from events.

Twelve riders from Kintyre and Mid Argyll lined up to take part in a 10-mile time trial in sunny conditions on Sunday May 30.

Club chairman Robbie Semple, who recorded the fastest time, said: 'It is great for the club to get back out to MACC as it offers a good surface with little traffic.'

'Not all of our riders are here to race hard but

simply to enjoy the safe environment created by the sanctioned event.'

The cycling time trials at MACC are now in their third year and are run by the club during the summer while mountain biking events and road cycles are held throughout the year.

OBAN

Award-winning Sea Cadets seek out new shipmates

Oban Sea Cadets are looking for new shipmates. The cadets recently celebrated a commendation by Sea Cadets Northern Area Officer Commander Garry Farmer, recognising their efforts to keep going during the Covid-19 pandemic by meeting online.

Petty Officer Rab Neil said the cadets were pleased with the commendation just as the group starts a recruitment drive for boys and girls aged 10 to 17. They can now meet in person at the Cadet Hall in Tweeddale Street every Thursday at 6.30pm. Email trainingobanscadets@gmail.com or phone 07876697415

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CLACHAN VILLAGE HALL PLANT & WAKE DAY AT THE OLD VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS & MARQUEE

on SAT 19.6.21, 1pm-4pm

SUPPORT OUR PLANT AND BAKE SALE AND SAY FAREWELL TO THE OLD HALL.

All proceeds in aid of the CLACHAN FREE CHURCH RENOVATION to serve as a replacement village hall.

The lazy days of summer

July is the month of high summer and, when the Argyll weather allows, the garden comes alive during hot lazy afternoons to the sound of bees buzzing, gathering pollen from all the plants you have lovingly nurtured and cared for that are now in full flower.

It's the time of year that gardens or patios become an extension of our day-to-day living space as we use them for entertaining and relaxing in.

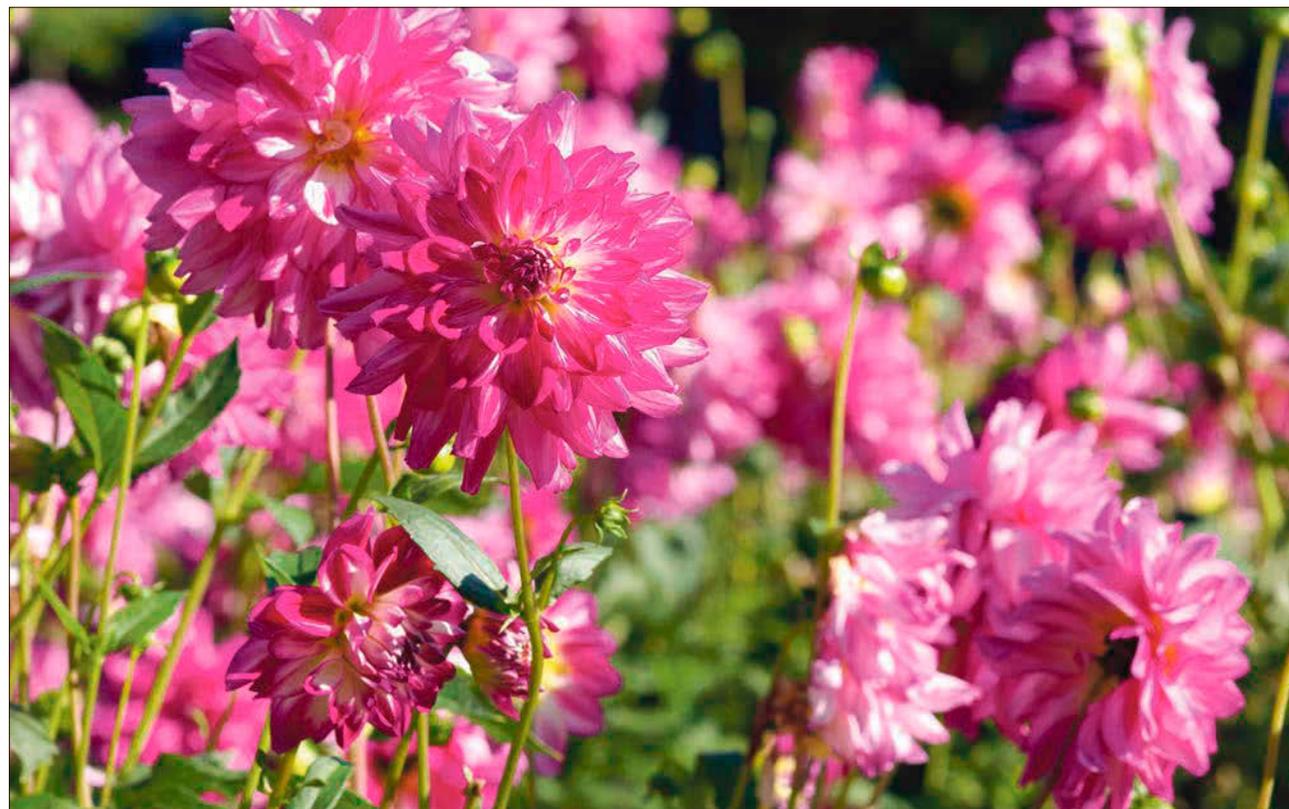
When it comes to patios, the real plus side to them is that they are ideal for masses of pots of colourful summer flowers.

These pots can be extended through the winter and into spring with bulbs and winter bedding to give your patio a longer lasting all-year-round appeal.

Remember though that the more containers you have, the more watering you will have to do during hot periods and the more dead heading and trimming you will need to do. But it's definitely worth it.

A great idea for patios is a small water feature and if you're short on time or space, a container pond is quick and easy to make.

You can create a different dimension to any small space, bringing the cool, calming presence of still water to the garden, attracting lots of wildlife and giving you the



The Dahlia is a summer-flowering garden favourite.

chance to grow a new range of interesting aquatic plants.

Choosing the right pot - for your garden and for a successful water feature - is essential.

You can use large sized terracotta pots, old Belfast basins and water troughs or half wooden barrels.

Several types of aquatic plants can be grown in one container, but aquatic plants can be fast growers so may need thinning out from time to time.

Flowers

With everything in full bloom, it may now be possible to cut flowers from your

garden to have in the home and Dahlias are a popular choice with gardeners for this.

Their warm vibrant colours mean they are often grown specifically as cut flowers and they regularly feature at horticultural shows due to their summer flowering.

Originally from Mexico,

Dahlias flower from July through to the first frosts in the autumn and range from dwarf bedding varieties to the popular giant flower heads that adorn gardens around the country.

They can be used as bedding plants and border plants and can be added to a mixed

Top tips for this month from the Royal Horticultural Society:

- Check climbers are secure and pest-free
- Care for house-plants if away for a few days
- Water containers and new plants if dry but be water-wise
- Dead head bedding plants to ensure continuous flowering
- Clear algae and weed from ponds and keep topped up
- Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed
- Harvest soft fruits
- Don't forget to weed

border alongside herbaceous perennials like Phlox, Aster and Sedum. Dahlias thrive in any well-drained soil and like plenty of sunlight but will need winter protection in most parts of the UK.

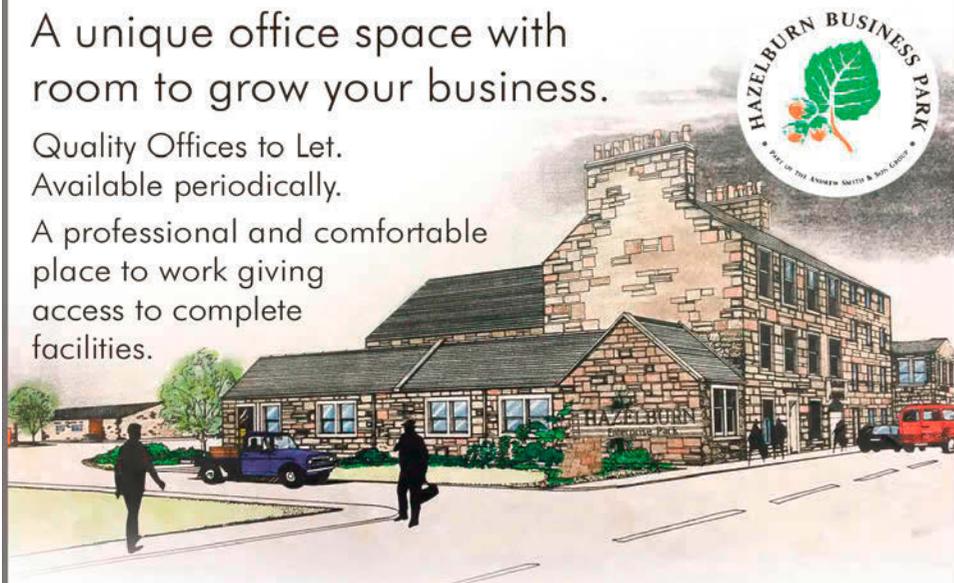
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Deal sets 'dangerous precedent'

The UK Government announcement of an 'agreement in principle' over a free trade deal between the UK and Australia has failed to reassure Scottish farmers and crofters.

NFU Scotland responded by claiming it will ultimately provide Australia with unfettered access to UK food and drink markets through a deal that has yet to have any proper parliamentary scrutiny, setting a 'dangerous precedent' for future trade deals.

The union also believes the cumulative impact of all such post-Brexit deals on Scottish farmers and crofters will be 'hugely destructive'.

NFU Scotland understands British farmers will be protected by a cap on tariff-free imports from Australia for

15 years under the deal, using tariff rate quotas and other safeguards, simply delaying free access to one of the biggest agricultural exporters in the world.

Equally worrying for the Scottish industry is the potential that the UK government uses the same approach in negotiations with New Zealand, USA, Canada and Mexico.

Impact

The cumulative impact of these deals will have a major knock-on effect on UK farming and, if handled badly, it may become impossible for some family farming businesses to continue to compete.

NFU Scotland president Martin Kennedy said: 'As detail on the proposed terms of agreement around an



NFU Scotland president Martin Kennedy.

Australian trade deal emerge, deep concerns will remain about its impact on Scotland's farmers, crofters and our wider food and drink sector.

'Under the proposed deal, there is to be a cap on tariff-free imports from Australia for 15 years.

'That is merely a slow journey

to the Australians getting unfettered access to UK markets and with no guarantees that the promises of other safeguards will address the fact that very different production systems are permitted in Australia compared to here in the UK.

'The deal has not been af-

forded the appropriate level of scrutiny and consultation and has been agreed in advance of the promised statutory Trade and Agriculture Commission being established to scrutinise such deals.

'Parliamentarians must be given the opportunity to examine this deal, and any future deals, with government carrying out a detailed impact assessment on what it may mean for the agriculture and food sectors.

'A free trade agreement with Australia, and the way it has been agreed, sets a dangerous precedent for other free trade agreements, including those with other major farming and food producing nations such as New Zealand, Canada, Mexico and the United States.

'The cumulative impact of all such trade deals on extremely vulnerable sectors such as farming, food and drink could be hugely destructive.'

A UK Government spokesperson said: 'This deal delivers for the UK and shows what we can achieve as a sovereign trading nation.

'It is a fundamentally liberalising agreement that removes tariffs on all British goods, opens new opportunities for our services providers and tech firms and makes it easier for our people to travel and work together.

'No deal sets a blueprint for future deals. All trade deals are different and are tailored to the relationships and markets of the countries involved. There is no one size fits all.'

UnitedAuctions

Scotland's Leading Livestock Auctioneers

Tuesday 29th June at 12 noon
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2010 (10 Reg) MF 5475 & MF 955 loader c/w 3544 hrs; 2007 (07 Reg) MF 5460 & MF 955 loader c/w 2296 hrs; 2019 Kuhn FB3130 baler c/w 300-400 bale count; 2017 Kuhn RW1110 wrapper c/w 1000 bale count; 2019 Kuhn FC 284 D mower; Haybob; CLAAS Dominator 86; Kverneland 3 furrow reversible plough; Teagle XT48 fertiliser spreader; MF 30 drill; 2012 Opico 5 leg sward lifter; 2009 Kverneland NGH 3m power harrow; 2006 Honda TRX500FE c/w 8,800 kms /1200 hrs; bike trailer; Fleming 8ft toppler (spares or repair); dual wheels to suit MF 5460; Quantour 800l x 8m sprayer; 2014 Kverneland FXJ flail mower; Fleming hydraulic double bale lifter; 2014 Marshall QM11 tipping trailer; 2006 Marshall MS85 rotary barrel spreader; pan mixer; Hitachi EX60-5 excavator c/w various buckets; Quicke Flexibal conventional bale handler; Quicke Unigrip Soft Hands bale handler; Quicke 185H general purpose loader bucket; Quicke 170 (9 tine) muck fork; Slewtic heavy duty pallet forks; 2016 Karcher HDS 6/12 C pressure washer; single bale spike; SDMO petrol generator; 2011 Harlequin 2500l bunded fuel tank; single phase 100l air compressor; heavy roller; plant trailer in need of new floor; quantity of draining coil & joints; selection of part worn front & rear tractor tyres; quantity of V wooden 15ft sheep troughs; sheep ring feeders; Fraser 3 tonne tipping trailer in need of repair; unbanded plastic fuel tank; selection of small tools & bric a brac; selection of fire clay troughs suitable as planters etc

Inputs: 3 furrow Ransome conventional plough; 1 furrow Ransome conventional plough; shear grab; quantity of slates; 1 485 Case tractor runs but in need of a some tlc; Fleming hydraulic double bale lifter (2017); Quicke Flexibal bale handler (2017); Chillton bale handler; Fraser M15T grain trailer; super single tyres; Grays buckrake; Marshall QM11 silage/grain trailer super singles; Teagle fertiliser spreader; Claas Aries 616RC tractor, 4500 hrs (2008); Kverneland TenX chopper metal detection. Further Inputs welcome, contact Andrew Weir 07384 514363

At end of sale a large brand-new trampoline (still in box) will be auctioned in aid of Mairi Semple Cancer Fund

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You must only register to attend the sale if you have a genuine intention to buy. There is no spectator element to this event. General public, trade and others not directly involved in sales must not attend

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- Strictly one customer per farming enterprise
- Facemasks must be worn at all times
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All sales are subject to UA Livestock Limited's Terms and Conditions.

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- All hurdles are 8 railed x 970mm high
- All hot-dipped galvanised finish
- 3000mm (3m) long
- Includes all joining pins/stakes

OPTION 1

20-foot race, 100-foot holding pen
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Comes with a 100-foot holding pen and 20-foot race, 2 x 2-foot swing gates and all joining pins/stakes included. Our system will safely hold 150 fully grown sheep (approx)

PARTS LIST:

- 14 x 3m (8 railed) sheep hurdles
- 12 x joining pins/stakes
- 2 x 2-foot swing gates

ALL PRICES SAME AS 2020



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- Made from high-tensile steel
- All hurdles are 6 railed x 1.75m high
- A funnel is incorporated into the race-way
- All hot-dipped galvanised finish
- 3000mm (3m) long
- 20-foot race
- 60-foot holding pen. Includes all joining pins/stakes
- Total 200-feet of penning

PARTS LIST:

- 10 x 3m (6 railed) cattle hurdles
- 12 x joining pins/stakes
- 1 x sliding gate

NATIONWIDE DELIVERY £100 + VAT ON ALL ORDERS OVER £1500 PLUS VAT.

VISITING OBAN? COME WITH US ON THIS WEEKS TRAIL

Hotel Trail
Oban

Oban Hotel Trail
Oban - Its name derives from the Gaelic language and means 'little bay', but when it comes to having an unforgettable weekend break, Oban is definitely a place which is big on things to see and do. Follow our trail this week for Oban's Hotels

FREE WiFi TOWN

1. Manor House



An elegant Georgian Guesthouse with Restaurant established in 1780 on beautiful Oban Bay
 Open: Monday-Sunday, Afternoon tea 1pm-3pm, Restaurant 6pm-8pm booking essential.
Website: www.obanmanorhouse.com
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2. Premier Inn



After a day of exploring, it's time to head back for a delicious dinner in their Thyme restaurant and a relaxing sleep in your ultra comfy Hypnos bed.
Website: www.premierinn.com
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3. The Ranald Hotel



Oban's 17 bedroom metro hotel open 365 days of the year. Check availability and book online.
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4. The Royal Hotel



The Royal Hotel stands in the centre of town close to the harbour and ferry terminal with a wide menu for lunch or dinner. Let someone else do the clearing up for a change!
 Open: Monday - Sunday Lunch 12pm-2.30pm, Dinner 5pm-8.30pm
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5. Perle Oban Hotel & Spa



Perle Oban is a luxury hotel in the heart of the Scottish Highlands, merging the perfect mix of rural escape with cosmopolitan comfort. The hotel includes The Lulu Lounge, BAAB Meze & Grill and Mara Spa.
Website: www.perlehotels.com
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6. Palace Hotel



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7. The Whisky Vaults Hotel



Award winning boutique hotel in Oban, cosy Whisky Bar and unique Whisky Tasting Room.
Website: www.obanwhiskyvaults.co.uk
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8. Columba Hotel



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Website: www.sgehotelgroup.com/columba
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9. The Scot



Set in the centre of Oban, the family owned hotel blends contemporary style with the local character of our seaside town. Whether you're staying for business or pleasure, the hotel offers a comfortable space to relax and unwind.
Website: www.thescotoban.com
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10. Muthu Alexandra Hotel



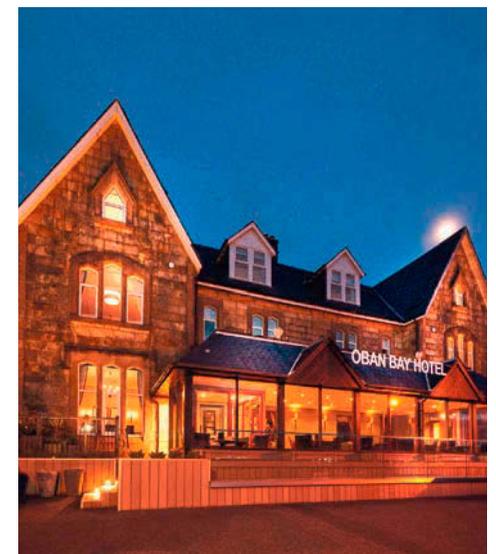
The Alexandra Hotel enjoys one of the most spectacular locations in Scotland. The views across Oban Bay to the island of Kerrera and beyond are an instant joy.
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RECRUITMENT

Mull & Iona Medical Group Patient Facilitator

Band 3 (Aligned to Agenda for Change)

Our Patient Facilitators assist our GPs, nurses and other professionals to provide health care to the community in Mull and Iona. If you join our team, you will provide your colleagues with administrative and clerical support. We will encourage you, and help you, to develop skills in other health care related areas such as, dispensing, phlebotomy, and chaperoning.

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Application
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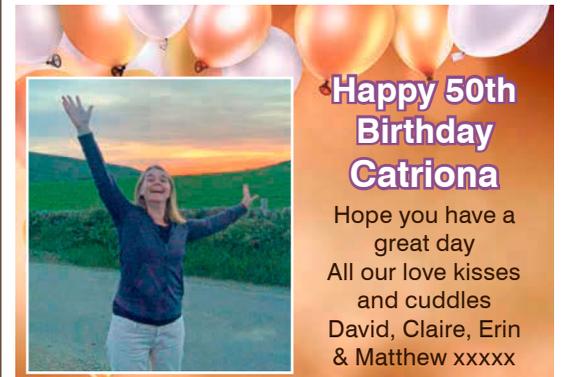
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OUTFALL PIPE EXTENSION CLAONAIG FERRY TERMINAL, KINTYRE

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Location	Latitude	Longitude
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	55° 45.055' N	05° 23.193' W
	55° 45.052' N	05° 23.195' W
	55° 45.057' N	05° 23.213' W
	55° 45.064' N	05° 23.223' W
	(WGS84)	

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at <https://bit.ly/2WbClef>.

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Argyll and Bute Council

PLANNING

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
21/00968/PP	Change of use of vacant land to form temporary car park for construction traffic, storage etc. purposes (in connection with Kilmartin Museum proposals)	Land West Of Sona House, Kilmartin, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute
21/00976/PP	Demolition of dwellinghouse and erection of replacement dwellinghouse with detached garage, improvements to existing access and connection to existing septic tank arrangements	Kilbryd, Achnamara, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8PT
21/00813/PP	Erection of workshop	Land North West Of Site 11A, Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute
21/00742/PP	Erection of detached garage and conversion of outbuilding to form w.c. facilities	Kilmartin Castle, Barmor View, Kilmartin, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8RQ

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BIRTH

WYLIE - DUNN - Fraser and Nichola are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Aila Matilda on June 7, 2021. First grandchild for Finlay and Margaret, Campbeltown and Alastair and Sadie, Bearsden.

ENGAGEMENT

MCCALLUM - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Lorna, daughter of Colin and Jane, to Stuart, eldest son of John and Margaret, on June 6, 2021.

GOLDEN WEDDING

MACGILP - **MCGUINNESS** - On June 19, 1971, at Lochgilphead Baptist Church, Dugald to Ebbie by the Rev A.B Greig.

DEATHS

FINLAY - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on June 15, 2021, after an illness borne with great dignity and courage, Sheila McQueen Finlay, née Wyllie, in her 72nd year, of 7 Glengilp, Ardrishaig. Retired Home Economics Teacher. Beloved and loving wife of Robin Finlay; much loved and adored mum of Craig and Morven. A proud grandmother of Erin. Much respected mother-in-law of Heather and the late Tim (West). A private service of celebration will take place at Lochgilphead Bowling Club, on Thursday, June 24, 2021, followed by a family service of committal at Woodside Crematorium on Friday, June 25, 2021. Family flowers only please. Donations can be made in memory of Sheila, directly to Macmillan Cancer Care or via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors.

ROBERTSON - Peacefully at home, 1 Dochas Place, Lochgilphead, on June 11, 2021, Margaret Cameron Robertson, aged 79 years. Wife of the late Walter Robertson. Dearly loved

Mum of David, Stephen, Tracy, Bruce and the late Gordon. A much loved grandmother. A dear friend and neighbour to many. A private funeral service was held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at Kilmorich Churchyard, Cairndow. Sadly missed.

SUTHERLAND - Peacefully, in Dublin on June 14, 2021, in her 75th year, after a long and brave fight, Lesley Adams Sutherland. Dearly loved wife of Len O'Hare, loving mother of Ross, Ruari and Sophie, grandmother to Isabelle, Penelope, Henry, Luain, and sister to Ian. Sadly missed by all of her family.

VASEY - Peacefully at home, Bridge House, Tayinloan, on June 5, 2021, Malcolm Vasey (Mal) in his 59th year, dearly beloved husband of Helen and a much loved father. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Malcolm's funeral will take place in Cardross Crematorium on Monday, June 21.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

STEWART - Alan, Lesley and family of the late Alexander "Sanders" would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Our sincere thanks to Carr Gomm, the community team and all the staff at Lochgilphead Medical Centre for their care and support. A special thank you to the nurses and doctors of Glenaray Ward for their warmth and kindness and to Donald MacDonald, Funeral Directors for their professionalism and thoughtful attention to every detail.

IN MEMORIAM

DOCHERTY - In memory of my beloved husband Malcolm who died June 19, 2013. - Barbara and family.

DOTT - In loving memory of Isobel, who passed away June 16, 2020, dear sister-in-law and auntie. Forever in our thoughts - Irene, Neil and family.

HORN - In loving memory of our daughter Amanda, who died June 21, 2001. In our hearts forever. - Love Mum and Dad x Night night Mandy. - Vivien, Russell, Joanna and Eilidh xx

MACLENNAN - Treasured memories of our big brother Kevin (Keegan), died June 21, 2010. May the winds of heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear, How much we love and miss you and wish that you were here. Simply the best x Love always - Lorne, Leone, Darren, Laurene and families xx

MCCARTAN - In loving memory of a dear husband, dad and grandad, Ian, who passed away June 13, 2010. Every day in some small way We miss you more than words can say. In our hearts you will always stay

Loved and remembered every day. Happy memories, with all our love - Jean, John, Ann, Stuart, Clare, Nicola and your grandchildren.

MCFARLANE - In loving memory of our son and brother Gordon, who fell asleep on June 23, 2012. We treasure every memory, With tears we speak your name, We will always love and miss you, In a world that's not the same. - Mum, Liz and boys.

POTTS/BROCK - Treasured memories of my dearly loved sister May Potts, died June 18, 2019 and also my dearly loved husband Ian, died April 11, 2006. - Love Flora.

CHURCH NOTICES

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



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10 am Saddell and Carradale Church SC002609
10 am Highland Church, Campbeltown SC002493
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Worship service
New time of 11am.
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Barr Mhor Kilmartin
Sunday 20th June 2021
11am
Rev Robert MacLeod
Communion
All very welcome
Please remember to wear a mask

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown



Sunday 20th June
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Gary Brotherston
11.15am Sunday School
7.00pm Sunday Fellowship (by Zoom)
Wednesday 23rd June
7.30pm Missionary Meeting (by Zoom)
Philip Rose – Operation Mobilisation
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SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ Church, Lochgilphead
Sunday 11am
Holy Eucharist
St Columba, Poltalloch
9am Holy Communion
1st Sunday of the month
6pm Evensong
3rd Sunday of the month (SCO13787, 31391)

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charity number SC001002
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Please look it up & keep in touch
www.northknapdale.org

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686
Sunday 20th June
Morning Worship
11. 15am
Rev W Crossan
Covid 19 Guidelines apply
There will be a message on our Facebook page each Wednesday and Sunday

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

There will be a weekly service at Skipness 10am and Tarbert 11.30am - Rev Lyn Peden
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Contact Rev. Lyn Peden 01880 820158 for pastoral care
Charity number Tarbert SC002622 Skipness SC004280

WESTLOCHFYNESIDE CHURCHES

(Cumlodden, Inveraray and Lochgair)
Charity No: SC016665
Sunday 20th June 2021
There will be a service in Cumlodden Church at 10.00am
The service will be led by Rev. Dorothy Wallace.
There will also be a Baptismal service in Inveraray Church at 11.30am
The service will be led by Rev. Dorothy Wallace
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Sunday 20th June
Services in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Church and Heaven (Revelation 7) Also
A Time for Quiet Wednesdays at 12:45pm in Ardrishaig Church (Covid19 control measures apply)
Weekly Reflections continue to be available at the church gates

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 20TH JUNE 2021
11.00am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith
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Shinty round-up

Mowi Senior League C

Kyles Athletic 3

Glasgow Mid Argyll 2

Kyles Athletic beat Glasgow Mid Argyll 3-2 at the Playing Fields, Tighnabruaich.

Former Skye player Stewart Grant put GMA ahead on six minutes when a ball over the top caught out the home defence.

However, Ross Macrae equalised from the re-start and it remained 1-1 until the break.

Ross Macrae got his second seven minutes into the second half and Innes MacDonald made it 3-1 with a good shot from a tight angle on 66 minutes. Craig Anderson made it 3-2 four minutes from time, but Kyles stayed in front to take the points.

Inveraray P Oban Celtic P

Inveraray and Oban Celtic agreed to reschedule their match at the Winterton to Tuesday June 15.

Mowi South League A

Col Glen 3 Inveraray 2

Col Glen came from two goals down to beat Inveraray's second team 3-2 at Glendaruel.

Inveraray raced into a two-goal lead with Steven Cameron scoring on 10 minutes and Campbell Watt on 15 minutes.

Chris Blair pulled a goal back on the half-hour so the visitors took a 2-1 advantage into the break.

Sandy Paterson turned the match Col Glen's way with a brace on 65 and 75 minutes to give the home side a 3-2 victory.

Mowi Central League

Kilmory P Glenorchy P

Kilmory were unable to raise a team for the second successive Saturday, this time their 2pm throw-up against Glenorchy at MacRae Park.

Bowlers back for Tarbert open pairs



Tarbert Bowling Club held its first open pairs competition on Saturday June 5.

The winners were Jamie Lang and Margaret MacKinnon who beat Fiona MacLachlan and Tommy McCrae in the final.

The semi-finalists were Duncan and Laura MacGregor and Fiona McLeod and Neil Ward.

The club thanks everyone who helped organise the event and everyone who came along.

Catrina Wilkieson of the club said: 'It was lovely to be able to have other clubs join us again. Thanks as well to West Loch Shores for its continued support in sponsoring the day.'

The finalists, from left: Fiona MacLachlan, Margaret MacKinnon, Jamie Lang and Tommy McCrae.



Georgie wins top Tarbert prize

Georgie Dickson is celebrating after landing the top prize in Tarbert Golf Club's open competition with a massive 44 Stableford points.

A club spokesperson said: 'Thanks to our sponsor West Loch Shores for its support and to everyone involved in cleaning the clubhouse, preparing the course and providing raffle prizes.'

Georgie Dickson, winner of Tarbert Golf Club's open competition, centre, with fellow prizewinners and sponsor.

'Thanks also to Iain and Calpy for their help with calculating gross and Stableford scores and to the women from up the loch, across the loch and from down the Kilbrannan Sound who made the trip to Tarbert.'

'Hope to see you next year.'



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